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Mr. Paul Dobson
Wood County Prosecutor
Wood County Court House
1 Court House Square
Bowling Green, OH 43042

Dear Mr. Dobson:


On behalf the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, I am writing this letter to support you in your quest to work on passing a bill to become state law wherein drug dealers will not be allowed to sell drugs in neighborhoods where treatment centers are located.

Many people addicted to drugs prefer to get treatment close to home where they have the support of friends and family. Many drug dealers will stand near a treatment center, observe people they know they have sold to before, approach them, and addicts in turn make purchases and relapse. Our Drug Abuse Response Team (D.A.R.T.) members make rounds on a regular basis of the treatment agencies and have found syringes in the parking lots and around the area, which is another indication that sales are being made in the parking lots of the agencies.

We have had numerous complaints from community members stating dealers are coming around Narcotics Anonymous meetings as well. We have kept an open line of communication with the coordinators to stop this activity when it occurs.

I believe that pushing this bill to pass to become a state law will make a significant impact on the likelihood of people in recovery being able to focus and maintain success and benefit both the people being served and the community at large.

Sincerely,


Sheriff John Tharp
Lucas County Sheriff

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